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My Dear Mrs Chapman

My Dear Mrs Chapman I found your packages
at my hotel last evening & the one for
Miss Martineau is already on its way to
her by the parcels delivery - the other - necessary
to it may be shall reach Mr Phillips in or about
the glorious anniversary of the birth day of the
Stars & Stripes - unless it brings some mischief
to the good ship America!
A spark from such a battery of radicalism to
another, conveyed by such an inert medium
ought not to hurt the dull wires which connect
the two fountains of light, or heaven! What
would my friends of the Cotton =ocracy say?
if they knew what fire brands I carry? —
I have a real pleasure - though in some
permanence with

For the sake of your friends & perhaps
for your own present peace I sometimes
hope that you may sail on a lower
stratum, & yet why should I seek to
drag you down from your atmosphere of
pure ether? even if I think it would
do you, & even your cause some good to
soar lower! Who shall judge for
others of their mission? Not I growing
older as I am in experience of the
infinite difficulty of steering ones own course

My Cousin the Catholic priest J. M. F.
has a motto on his crest which you
will like tho it seems to me it has
led him downward to a strange depth for
an enlightened mind to reach -- albeit directed
to the rotten church of Rom. -- "It"
"altius ibant qui altius aspirant" (I hope my

Latin memory is right after 30 years blank) --
I return home on the steamer of 23rd & I assure
you my pleasant as well as highest recollections
of my dreamy visit to Europe will be of you
my old friend, & of my new friend Matthias
with my best regards to your daughter & her husband.
(Who by the way must let me know if he makes his promised visit
to the west)

I am always truly Yours
J. M. Forbes

To Mrs Maria W. Chapman